

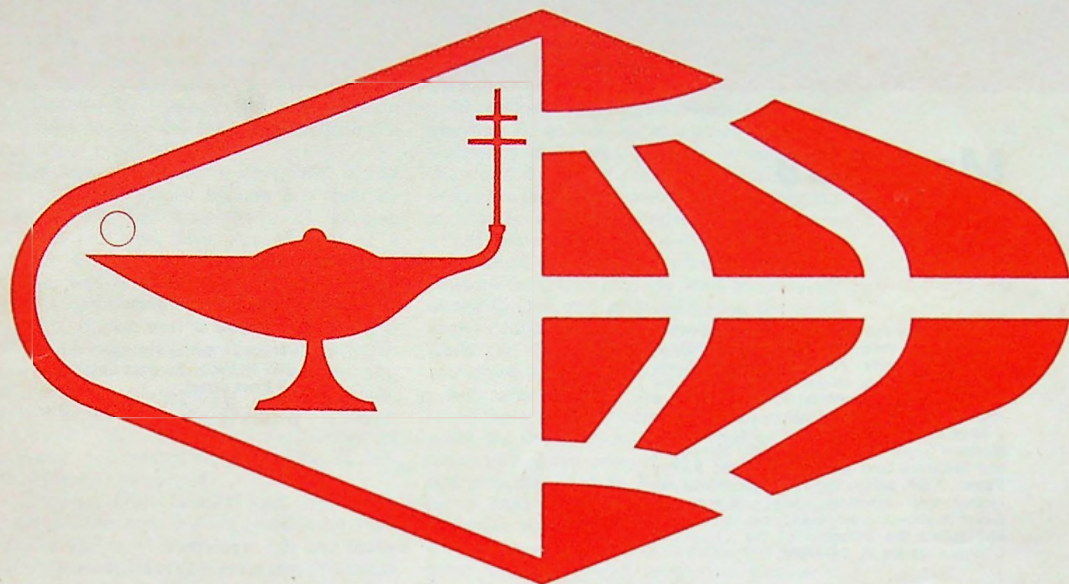
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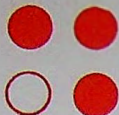
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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment: 1. to build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man; 2. to give personal service; 3. to find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others; 4. to work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God. This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

May 1969

On the Cover—

The symbol for the integrated Movement which will gradually make its appearance throughout the entire range of stationery, literature, exhibitions etc, was on display for the first time at the Central Council in April. It shows a slightly modified version of the Lamp against a white background. This is the first attempt to illustrate "Light" as the symbol of the Movement and indicates how well the designer, Bartley Powell, FSIA, carried out his research into our history and objectives. The grid-lines are meant to show the world-wide nature of Toc H and reflect the influence of the Cross and Christian service in the world.

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we really must be sensible

Did you see Mrs. Martin Luther King on television on Mothering Sunday? In her sermon at St. Paul's she spoke quietly and soberly, but for all that her words were disturbing. She spoke of the division of the world into wealthy whites and black beggars; she stressed the scandal of the ever-widening gap between rich and poor; and she called on Christians to take the lead in establishing a new social order.

That same weekend I happened to be reading a book called *Include Me Out* by Colin Morris. The stark reality of the gap between rich and poor, the scandal of a wealthy Church existing in the midst of poverty, was brought home to Colin Morris when a Zambian died of starvation on his doorstep. In the aftermath of this shock the Church's concern for reforming the liturgy, for bringing the Gospel up to date, for preserving the orthodoxy of theology, even for unity, seemed to him irrelevant and meaningless. It will be by its response to the reality of starvation, and by that alone, that the Church will ultimately be judged.

Of course, both Coretta King and Colin Morris are fanatics. We are grateful for their sincerity and their eloquence, but one really must be reasonable. What more can Christians be expected to do? We shall be responding generously to the Christian Aid Week appeal this month. Indeed Christian Aid raises large sums of money every year—quite remarkably large when one thinks of the millions we need to spend every year on preserving the historic heritage of buildings for which we are responsible. What more do they want us to do?

And yet, if the Gospel means what it says, what then?

There's a story in the Bible about a rich young man who came to Jesus and was told to give away everything he owned and come back destitute. A disturbing story, but one that we can hardly be expected to take seriously.

There must have been special circumstances which led Jesus to say this to this particular individual. After all, if we all took the story literally and acted on it there would simply be chaos. And chaos won't feed the starving.

But, if the Gospel means what it says, what then?

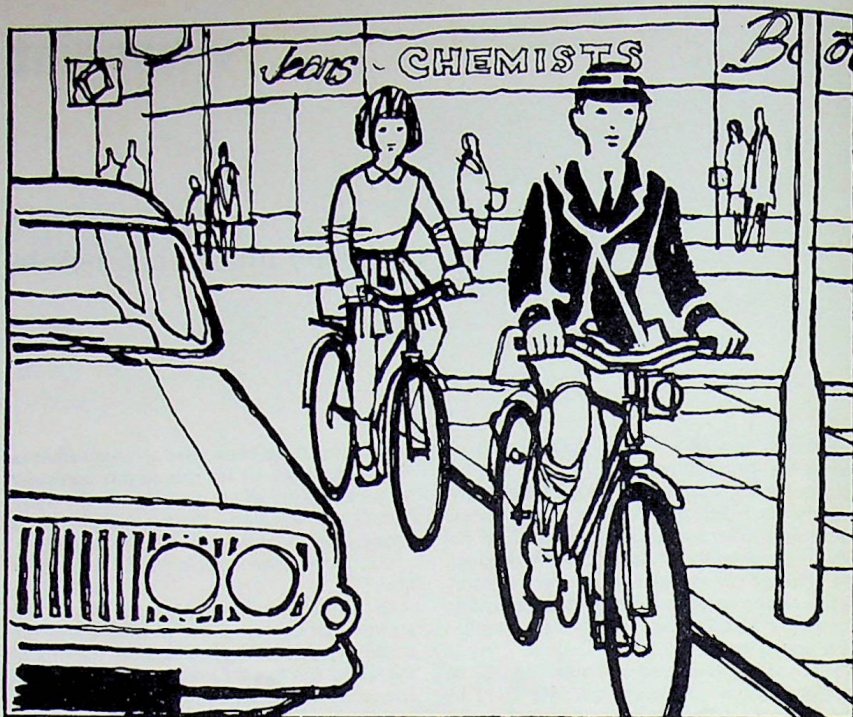
Of course, we're concerned about the starving. Of course, we're worried about the possibility of a revolt by the poor nations of the world. But this is a matter for hard-headed economic reality. It's a situation where realism is called for rather than eccentric gestures. It's a field where in the long run only governments can make a significant contribution. We must concern ourselves urgently with the renewal of the Church and with recovering the unity of the Church so that we are in a position to wield real influence. Meanwhile, we'll give everything we reasonably can.

And what does all this talk about a new social order really mean? Of course, we're upset by social injustice. Of course, we're concerned about poverty and homelessness and prejudice. But to tear down everything we've built up over the years, to abandon parliamentary democracy with no clear idea of what we're going to put in its place, this would mean revolution and revolution just isn't practical. We're all in favour of reform, of course, but we've got to move slowly and carefully. The only alternative is chaos.

What good, after all, would it do to sell all our buildings, to dispose of all the great historic Cathedrals, to get rid of our Church plate and rich vestments, to sell all that we have and to give it to the poor? What good would it do to go about preaching revolution? People like Coretta King and Colin Morris can hardly expect us to take them seriously. We must be sensible.

Still, their efforts haven't been entirely in vain. We shall, of course, be giving an extra few bob to Christian Aid this year.

K.P.B.



11 year old Susan McKee recently became the 5,000th child in Woking to pass the national cycling proficiency test under a scheme started by Toc H and run under the auspices of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Bill Crook, a member of Woking Branch and Assistant National Cycling Organiser of RoSPA, describes the scheme.

Illustrations by RoSPA

SAFE CYCLING



Members of Toc H who have children or grandchildren must be concerned with the dangers of cycling today and the obvious need for the child to be trained to deal with the problems of the road.

No right thinking parent would buy a child a swimming costume and then throw him into a bathing pool or the sea, leaving the child to find out how to avoid drowning. But this type of situation is to be found today on

the roads of this country where children are riding without any instruction from their parents or others.

400,000 cycles were bought last year for children, and from the records kept by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents we know that about half of the children received some form of training.

What about the remainder? Probably 25% would never voluntarily receive training and the remainder would want it but could not get it because of the lack of instructors.

Thirty Instructors

Is your Branch providing instructors under the National Cycling Proficiency Scheme? Six of us in Woking started a local scheme in 1956 and now after 12 years there are over 30 instructors, most of whom are outside Toc H, and during those years nearly 7,000 children have received training and over 5,000 have passed the test.

Most of the schemes are based on primary schools and deal mainly with the 9-12 age group although children under nine can often receive training but are not generally capable of passing the test. Older children also participate and very often assist in the training.

The training is usually one hour a week for a period of four to six weeks, depending on the ability of the pupils to assimilate the instruction and this period of time would be the minimum a would-be instructor would have to give.

The form of training of instructors varies from place to place but is usually given by the local Road Safety Officer, Police Officers or Regional Cycling Organiser of RoSPA. The most satisfactory way of finding out what is involved is to attend a course of instruction given to children as an observer so that you can see what is involved and assess your ability to be an instructor.

If you are contemplating volunteering your services then don't hesitate on the grounds of lack of knowledge, because that is acquired fairly quickly and there is a host of leaflets provided by RoSPA to tell you all you want to know. However the most important qualification for this job is a love and understanding of children coupled with the ability to talk to them explaining why things have to be done in a certain way—and no Sergeant-major tactics!



This is a good riding position. You are able to put both feet on the ground, like this, in emergency.

It is a wonderful experience, having been given the responsibility of instructing six to ten children who badly need the instruction, to watch their progress week by week, see them finally take the test and pass and to know that if they were your children you would have no hesitation in permitting them to use the roads because of their training and example to other road users.

Having read this article don't sit back and do nothing. Find out if your local Road Safety Officer or Police Officers need help, or enquire at the Council Offices for information on the local operation of the scheme, and if all of these sources fail then write to me.

This invitation is extended to the women as well as the men and if your children are not very good at doing what you want them to, then experience the joys of other people's children doing just what they are told—and enjoying it!

Finally a thank-you to all those Branches which do assist with the National Cycling Proficiency scheme and other road safety training; but more volunteers are needed. Why not ask your local road safety committee for a speaker on the practical training schemes operating locally?



personality point

Miss Constance Beazley has resigned as Staff Deputy for Bristol Joint District.

Carol Burtchett, who worked on the projects staff for several months, will be one of this year's 28 Clayton Volunteers.

notices

Branch signs. A small stock of metal Branch directional signs are available at Headquarters. The signs say Toc H in bold letters with an arrow pointing either left or right. Special clearance price 8/- each plus 4/6 postage and packing. Hurry with your order, there's bound to be a rush. Available from Publications Dept.

Central Councillors are likely to be very busy in the next few weeks reporting to members in their constituencies on the business of the Central Council held in April. A report of the Council will appear in the June issue of *Point Three*.

National Spastics Week takes place from June 29 to July 5. An opportunity for personal service by Toc H members in a host of ways. If there is no local group of the Society to which you can make enquiry in your neighbourhood, the national headquarters at 12, Park Crescent, London W1 will gladly give information.

Cheese and Wine Party, organised by West Central (W.A.) Branch on July 19, 1969, 6 p.m.—9 p.m. at "The Holme", Regent's Park, London. Profits will be divided equally between War on Want and Toc H. Tickets, price 10s., from Miss C. L. Gordon, 3B, Heathway Court, Finchley Road, London, NW3.

"An introduction to Landscape Painting" at Alison House from July 26 to August 2. Instructor Sheila Fitzgerald. A practical painting course in water-colour or oils for those with little or no experience. Afternoons will be free. A list of equipment required is obtainable from Vera Harley at 15 Trinity Square, London EC3. Terms according to room: £8—£10 per week inclusive.

Yorkshire Areas 1969 Festival will be held at Selby on Saturday, September 27. A service will be held in Selby Abbey at which the preacher will be the Rev. Bob Purdy. This will be followed by a festival evening at which the chief guest will be the newly appointed Director of Toc H, Sir Alexander Giles, K.B.E., C.M.G.



GEORGE DAVIS

"Stimulating" is probably the most appropriate word with which to sum up George Davis's term of office as Administrator. At times the stimulus was that of a glass of champagne: sometimes it was a rough towel after a cold bath: sometimes it was a kick firmly applied in an area anatomically safe but by no means insensitive. We shall not forget him.

George joined the Central Executive in 1958 soon after his return from India, where he had combined with his business activities a big contribution to Toc H in that country. His ability and keenness were quickly recognised, and in 1961 he became Chairman. In 1963, at a moment of some difficulty for the Movement, he was persuaded to accept appointment as our Administrator: and this post he filled, on a purely honorary basis, for the next six years.

Now the moment has come for him to pass this particular burden on to other shoulders, and for us to attempt to express our thanks to him for what he has done for us. His contribution has been immense, by any standards. His influence was certainly salutary and may well prove to have been life-saving. Those of us who were privileged to work closely with him will perhaps remember him especially for three things. The first is his intellectual capacity, a sharp mind allied to a most retentive memory often enabling him to decide his answer to a problem while the rest of us were still in the process of fumbling for a clear definition of the problem itself. Harnessed to this natural ability we shall never be in any danger of forgetting his astounding and almost demonic energy. Many a staff man, and even the humble Chairman of the Executive, have learnt what it means to hold a telephone conversation with George, clad in pyjama trousers and hoping that the mouthpiece would not be obscured by shaving soap. At half-past ten the same evening there is no doubt that George would have been at some

Toc H gathering, having done three men's work in the intervening period and still ready to tackle all-comers and make them work hard to keep their end up. How he did it none of us will ever know. We could only wonder and admire.

Ability and energy, however, are not enough in themselves. Hitler probably had both. The third and most important thing that we shall remember is George's deep conviction of the truth that lies behind all we try to do, and his complete dedication to Toc H as a means of spreading that truth to all sorts and conditions of men. We did not always agree with him, but on this subject two things need to be said. Disagreement did not prove that he was necessarily wrong, and if we still thought he was, and said so, nobody was ever more willing to listen to another point of view and, if it seemed right to him, to give way. Of one thing we could always be sure—that whatever he had done or planned to do was done with one motive alone, because he felt that it was the right thing for Toc H.

Ability, energy and dedication. These are the three gifts that George brought to Toc H. We are grateful to him, and indeed to Grace as well, who has been prepared through the years to remain quietly in the wings while George did so much for us. Thank you, both of you.

"DOC" MITCHELL



CYRIL CATTELL

My first encounter with Cyril was when I became Chairman of the Central Executive Committee and he had just recently become General Secretary and was concerned that the job should not be interpreted as tying him to a desk at Headquarters.

During that very first talk I realised that Cyril had a contribution to make to Toc H which would not be complete if he was asked to become an "office wallah". Right from the start, therefore, even before I became

Administrator, we had agreed that it was a valid interpretation of the responsibilities of the General Secretary that he was one of the Headquarter's team which had the responsibility to assist in working out policy and to interpret that policy around the country. I didn't realise then that before long I should be called upon to accept Cyril as a member of my own team in these terms but I never regretted the decision that in my time the post of General Secretary should be so interpreted. Whether it should always be treated in the same way is another matter but I have given this introduction to lead up to the point that in the period I have known Cyril, he has borne a full share in the leadership that a small Headquarters team felt it had to give to the Movement.

One of the delights of Toc H is that a team of men can be composed of such very different characters. My insistence on speed and determination to see results that can be measured in a practical way is almost the direct antithesis of Cyril's conviction that it is more important that a case or a policy should be thoroughly and carefully prepared than that it should be put over in what he would regard as an incomplete form. We have a completely different concept of what constitutes leadership but, in spite of these quite fundamental differences, we have had no difficulty in working with the greatest delight together.

Cyril succeeded Rex Calkin as General Secretary in 1962, after having been Kent & Sussex Area Secretary for 8½ years. He had previously been in business on his own account.

In his time as General Secretary Cyril has made a very valuable contribution towards the development of Dor Knap, the use of the Old House and, in recent years, in assisting Mayne Elson in getting a greater Toc H content into the B.A.O.R. work. At the same time he has made it his job to get to know Toc H around the country in each Region and is a well-known and accepted spokesman for Toc H.

Cyril has now accepted an appointment with The Spastics Society and will have regional responsibility for the development of their work in Greater London. He will be sadly missed from the staff but we must accept the decision he has made, in full consultation with his wife, to move to other fields of service. It has always been one of the glories of Toc H that some of its brightest sons have chosen to leave the direct service of Toc H for other specialised work. It has been my great privilege and joy from time to time to welcome such members back into full-time Toc H work later on when they have had their "fling" and I hope some future Administrator, or should I say Director, will also have this experience.

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"The black person's only requirements for success should be integrity, ability and self-respect. If this is so, and is seen to be so, then this country is only on the threshold of the greatness that can be hers."

Prejudice and Patriotism

We are proud to print here the text of the speech given by the Rev. Wilfred Wood at the meeting in Central Hall, Westminster, which launched the Martin Luther King Foundation.

The life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King are of the greatest significance to this country because they are of the greatest significance to the world. It would be presumptuous to suggest that any one facet of his work was more important than any other, but we in this country owe him a special debt on two counts. First, when he drew international attention to the plight of black people in America, we in this country could no longer refuse to see our own reflection in the mirror he was holding up, and today we recognise that the black minority in this country is also on the receiving end of the injustice which results from bigotry and racialism. Secondly, his work showed that the mere juxtaposition of injustice and good intentions does not result in improvement—action is necessary, and an essential part of this action is the legitimate demand for justice from those who suffer.

From time to time I am invited to speak on the immigrants' contribution to this country—remembering that the word "immigrant" is a polite form of reference to black people—and dutifully I repeat that in the Health Service nearly 50% of all junior staff (doctors below the status of consultant) are immigrants: that the mental hospitals, the district hospitals and the geriatric wards of large hospitals rely heavily on immigrant nursing staff: that the building industry, public transport and other public services could possibly grind to a halt if all immigrant labour was withdrawn. But I would be doing both the black and white sections of our community the greatest disservice if I paraded these facts as the grounds on which black people's claim for civilized treatment and the right to live peaceably in this country was based. It would be a disservice because it might suggest that the status of being human is to be earned by being useful, and in this way make even more difficult communication between those who have never doubted that they are human, and those who require proof that this is so.

But because it is fashionable to equate colour-prejudice with patriotism: and because the presence of black people in this country is represented as a threat to the fine British heritage passed down to the present genera-

tion of Englishmen and which must be passed on to future generations, I feel I must refer you to some words spoken by Sir Winston Churchill just before the second World War:

"The West Indies, two hundred years ago, bulked very largely in the minds of all people who were making Britain and the British Empire. Our possession of the West Indies, like that of India—the colonial plantation and development as they were then called—gave us the strength, but especially the capital, the wealth at a time when no European nation possessed such a reserve, which enabled us, not only to acquire this world-wide appendage of possessions which we have, but also to lay the foundations of that commercial and financial leadership, which, when the world was young, when everything outside Europe was undeveloped, enabled us to make our great position in the world."

I have no reason to doubt the truth of Sir Winston's statement, and this statement shows that the so-called immigrants are no less entitled to the benefits of living in this comparatively affluent society than are those who now enjoy un-earned incomes from wealth amassed by others many years ago.

The task to which we must apply ourselves is that of ensuring that this country thrives, not in spite of its black minority, but because of it. That there is the minimum wastage of the ability, zeal and drive which is to be found in minority communities. It is not enough that here and there a black superman should win recognition because he *is* a superman: or that a necessary condition for his advancement should be that he is unlike other black people. It is not enough that minority communities should be asked to identify with a few specially selected tokens: the avenues for movement in the spheres of industry, politics and public service must be so free of racial barriers that the black person's only requirements for success should be integrity, ability and self-respect. If this is so, and is seen to be so, then this country is only on the threshold of the greatness that can be hers.

So it is important that we who are working for the ideal of a fully integrated, multi-racial society in this country should recognise a new

factor which has entered the situation as a result of two events in recent months. The first was the panic which stampeded the Government into passing the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, and the second was the eruption of racism following two notorious and emotive speeches. This new factor is that no agency—official or otherwise—even those working for harmonious race relations in this country—can demand or expect the unqualified trust of immigrant communities. How are immigrants to know that other well-timed and well-publicised assaults on their right to share in the life of this country will not result in further panic and even further restrictions? Surely a demand that no more immigrants should be allowed in Wolverhampton must imply the carrying of pass-books by immigrants to show that they belong to Wolverhampton! And if workers in a factory can go on an anti-immigrant strike and be complimented on their action by the management, can anyone blame the immigrant who finds normal industrial relations machinery somewhat suspect?

It seems to me that the liberal elements in our society must be prepared to work alongside immigrant communities without automatically enjoying their confidence, and certainly without presuming to have a right to it. We must expect to be judged by our deeds rather than by our words, and the help we offer must not be on condition that we provide the leadership, that we dictate the tactics, that we be assured at all times of unswerving loyalty, because this would be to make no contribution to the security and self-respect of

the immigrant communities which in the long run will be the most stabilising factor in race relations in this country.

No, the immigrants' contribution does not lie in cheerfully providing labour to keep essential services going until such time as they can be modernised and improved by automation. It lies in sharing the same ambitions and achievements of a good citizen of a good country. If, in the years to come, he is able to do this whatever may be the colour of his skin or the birthplace of his grandfather, then it will be because England has become a country in which there is equal opportunity with cultural diversity and mutual tolerance. He would then have made his contribution to the finest country in the world.

The Martin Luther King Foundation can make some contribution to this goal, and we are fortunate that we are being honoured by the presence of Mrs. Coretta King on this occasion of its launching. If we all recognise the abundant virtues of the man after whom the Foundation takes its name and if we earnestly desire to continue the work he began, then we will not need to be reminded that Dr. King would not have wanted us to vaunt his uniqueness—he would have pointed us to the many things he had in common with the people in the street we never glance at twice—a bus conductor here—a railway porter there. When such people come to live next door to us, and we immediately sell our property and flee to an all-white neighbourhood, it may be another Martin Luther King we are despising. What price then, our lip-service to his memory?

obituary

It was with deep regret that we of Bitterne (W.A.) Branch read in March of the death of Padre Harry Devis (Southern Area Padre '61-'62 and a former Editor of "The Compass" of Toc H Southern Africa). We would like to place on record our warm affection and respect for him. He was, as our Branch padre, a good friend and wise counsellor.

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In November: Constance P. Emery (Bitterne), Harold R. Pratt (South Wales Area). **In December:** Doris Williams (Dover). **In January:** Robert Sherriff (Atherton). **In February:** Frederick J. E. Cooke (Manchester Area), Frederick A. Fisher (Chard), Hilda Hunt (Ramsgate), Hugh S. Macadie (Mill Hill), Lancelot J. McCullough (Didsbury), Phyllis L. Mann (Taunton), Geoffrey B. Russell (Porlock), Daisy E. Wood (Dawlish with Teignmouth). **In March:** Elsie Attoe (Lowestoft), Arthur H. R. W. Ayley (West London Area), David Christopher (West Wickham), Albert J. Chubb (Launceston), Noel W. B. Clarke (Beds & Herts Area), James W. Collinson (Laceby), Edward Court (Whitstable), Claire Gorton (Chippenham), Ernest L. Griffin (Winsham), F. Wyatt Joyce (Kent Area), the Rev. Benjamin Lloyd (Budleigh Salterton), Jack E. Lovett (RHHL, Putney), Harold Mackey (Porlock), Annie M. Maguire (Gretna), Ella W. Wadeldon (Poole).

We give thanks for their lives.

say it with symbols

Huw Gibbs



Bartley Powell

Symbols come and symbols go but some endure for ever. That is the difference between good and bad graphics. The symbol, or "logotype", as it is called by the trade, should be so simple and distinctive that the viewer instantly identifies the organisation without any possible confusion with any other symbol. An example needing no further explanation is that of the International Red Cross.

Communication methods are advancing so rapidly today that unless we are prepared to join the race for effective visual identification we shall miss out on what is becoming the most successful aid to publicity since "printing ink".

Organisations all over the world now accept the importance of clearly proclaiming their individuality in visual terms by means of a house style. This may comprise a logotype, distinctive typography, colours, or a combination of all three. The purpose is to make identification easier for the viewing public without having to read a single word. In practice it demands that all documentation, display material, overalls, badges, ties, scarves—even vehicles—be subjected to a measure of control so that the symbol is recognised immediately whenever it appears in public. Just imagine all our premises and vehicles with a recognisable emblem—they become ideal advertising media on sight.

Morale booster

In addition the house style becomes a considerable morale booster. Everybody naturally likes to work with attractive stationery, and clean lines, wherever they appear, encourage a feeling of pride, a sense of unity, and act as a stimulus to more effective participation in activities. The armed forces have always been aware of this.

The symbol which has been adopted, an explanation appears on the inside front cover, adds a new dimension to the Movement. Its sleek, simple outline can no longer give rise to incongruous and "RAF-ish" remarks about being "as dim as a Toc H Lamp".

The international nature of our Family is made evident for the first time and simple graphic art makes possible an equally simple presentation of our objective—the spreading of light in a dark world.

Bartley Powell, who even before thinking of designs first studied our history and achievements, has produced what to my mind is one of the most difficult things today—dignity and wisdom combined with a sense of adventure and youthfulness.

All that remains is for the rest of us and those who follow to make full and proper use of a new symbol as we career towards a time when there may be a demand for Services clubs on the moon!

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Nine charities will combine to stage the second national "Friendship Week for Sick and Handicapped Children" which takes place this year from May 18 to 24. World Children's Day will be held on June 15 and 1969 is the Jubilee Year of the Save the Children Fund. In this article, Frederick Tomlinson, Press Officer for the Fund, describes its work and history.

fifty years of helping children

In 1919, when Toc H was just four years old, The Save the Children Fund was born. The First World War had just ended and most of the countries of Continental Europe were suffering great privation, with four to five million children starving in Central and Eastern Europe alone.

It was to help children like these that Eglantyne Jebb, one of the great social reformers of the 20th century, founded SCF. There was an emergency and the failure or

instability of Governments to deal with it meant, as so often before and since, that ordinary people—and extraordinary people like Miss Jebb—had to step in to do the job.

Among the first tasks of the newly-founded Save the Children Fund was sending milk, food and clothing to the hungry children of Vienna. In Budapest, SCF work schools were set up to give industrial training to adolescents, and an anti-tuberculosis campaign was financed.



These first projects of SCF were the precursors of half a century's work, in which emergency help has always been combined with training schemes and preventive medicine to give SCF's work a lasting value for the children of tomorrow as well as of today.

"The new charity," Eglantyne Jebb wrote in 1921, "must be scientific. It must have the same clear concept of its objects and seek to compass them with the same care, the same intelligence, as is to be found in the best commercial and industrial enterprises."

When SCF was founded, it was given the clear purpose of helping children in need, no matter what their nation, colour or creed. One of the greatest revolutions effected by SCF in its early years was also to induce victorious nations to pay for sending relief to the children of the former enemy.

In 1969, SCF is still holding to its aim to help children anywhere the only criterion for giving being the children's need and the willingness of the authorities in the country concerned to accept and co-operate in distributing the aid.

In Jordan and Vietnam

Save The Children has grown far beyond the expectations of its founder and first contributors—people like the boy who sent 2s. 6d. from his money box "to help you feed all the starving children".

Today, it employs more than 1,000 field workers, doctors, nurses, welfare workers and administrators and is helping children in 28 countries, including the United Kingdom.

The work for children varies enormously from country to country. In Nigeria/Biafra, for instance, the SCF emergency relief teams have been feeding more than 100,000 people a week during the past few months. They have also been re-opening schools in the former fighting zones, so that life can return to normal. In South Vietnam, the SCF convalescent rest centre, staffed by British, Australian and Vietnamese nurses, is helping sick and war-wounded children back to health. And in Jordan, the SCF clinics are providing medical care for children of the desert, many of them refugees, who would otherwise have nowhere to go for the treatment of illness and malnutrition.

In times of emergency—as in Nigeria/Biafra, Vietnam and Jordan—the work of SCF often makes the headlines and is brought to the notice of the television viewing public. But SCF is at work in numerous other places, patiently building up child welfare schemes that rarely come to the notice of the British public.

One such case is that of Lesotho where SCF work began in 1962. Now it is providing school meals for 95,000 children in 670



Nurse Grace Warburton from Australia concentrates on the problems of a single child at the SCF home at Qui Nhon, 250 miles from Saigon. There are 100 children in the home each with a lifetime of experience and worries—and Nurse Warburton loves them all.

schools as part of an effort, supported also by Oxfam, the World Council of Churches, War on Want, and UNICEF, to combat the widespread malnutrition among the country's school children. As part of the school feeding project in Lesotho SCF has farmed 700 acres of land to help these schools start their own vegetable gardens and helped nearly 300 schools to build simple school kitchens, as well as assisting some schools to lay on permanent water supplies. The long-term aim of SCF in Lesotho is to see that the local

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One of many activities for children at the SCF Queen Elizabeth House Club in London.

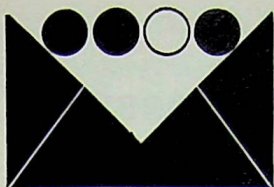
people take a greater part by educating them in their responsibility for the care of the children. It is a long task, but each year brings the Fund a little nearer its goal.

When we say that SCF helps all children in need, that means children in Britain, too. From the 1920's SCF has always devoted a considerable portion of its resources to its work in the United Kingdom and over the years it has been responsible for pioneering many developments in the welfare services. During the years of economic depression and large-scale unemployment, SCF helped to set up school-feeding schemes which were later integrated into the social services. The SCF emergency nurseries of the 1930's were the origin of the wartime nurseries and of the playgroups for children under five that now exist in many parts of the country. The most recent pioneering activity of SCF at home has been the establishment of playgroups in children's hospital wards where, in the opinion of doctors and parents alike, they are helping many children to get better sooner and to have happier memories of their stay in hospital.

This work, of helping to fill gaps in the Welfare State, is essential. And the SCF work overseas, in a world in which more than 600 million children are living below the poverty line, is essential too.

In the United Kingdom there are some 600 local branches of SCF which undertake all kinds of publicity and fund-raising activities, including sponsored walks, fetes, charity sports events, jumble sales and many others. Then there are numerous SCF groups in colleges and schools. Whether it be by giving money, goods or simply time in assisting in the organisation of local SCF activities, there are ample opportunities for helping SCF to help the needy children of the world.

When "Tubby" Clayton founded Toc H 54 years ago he can have had no vision of the spread of his idea born in the trenches of the Western Front. Likewise, Eglantyne Jebb in 1919 can never have expected The Save the Children Fund to be alive and growing still half a century later. In fact, she looked forward to a time when there would be no more Save the Children Fund, because there would be no more needy children in the world crying out for its services. Today, we know that SCF will and must remain for many years to come. And it will do so just because of all those individuals in Britain, in the Commonwealth countries overseas, and in foreign lands, who continue to dedicate themselves to its cause, knowing as they do that on the children of today depends the future of the world.



"Wishy-washy"

Congratulations on a first class *Viewpoint* in the March issue. How right you are—our Movement is certainly indecisive upon the moral issues and social injustices of our day.

I have for many years at all levels of Toc H—having served as a Central Councillor, Area and District Team representative, etc.—expounded that we had no policy on such matters as the colour problem, capital punishment, poverty, inequalities both at home and overseas. I was always informed that a Movement like Toc H could not possibly have this because the membership consisted of all sorts of men with varying opinions and these were political matters. Political, I agree, but not party.

When we are asked where Toc H stands on such issues we should be able to say categorically and without hesitation. As we cannot, then in my opinion this is a fundamental weakness of Toc H and one of the reasons why it is dying. Let us get off the fence!

The only time I can remember the hierarchy giving a lead was on gambling.

Bill Norris

Bognor Regis

It might seem from your March *Viewpoint*, "Just how wishy-washy can we be?" that Toc H has never got as far as declaring itself on the subject of race relations. It may be worth reminding readers that as far back as 1954 the Toc H Central Executive declared itself unanimously and unequivocally in a resolution which was published in the November 1954 *Journal*.

Here are extracts—"... The Central Executive... welcomes the pronouncement of the World Council of Churches which urges the member Churches to renounce all forms of racial segregation and discrimination and to work for their abolition... Believing that racial relations vitally concern every member of Toc H in the world, the Central Executive feels that it should make its own conviction clear. It believes that

discrimination on grounds of race is contrary to the Will of God revealed in Jesus Christ and its prayer and hope is that Toc H members everywhere may not only share the same conviction but be willing to act upon it through service, fellowship and witness."

Nothing wishy-washy about that! Incidentally, I referred to the significance of this resolution, and the reasons why the Central Executive had felt bound to state its views, in chapter VI of *Second Wind* (pp 28/29). "What the Central Executive was saying was that it had its own strong convictions on the matter and that its leadership of Toc H, under God, could only be in those terms."

John Galf

London

Passing it on

I am always interested in *Point Three* and feel it is a pity that Toc H is not better known. I try to spread what I know about it when I go on holiday by taking the latest *Point Three* with me and leaving it in an obvious place in the hotel lounge. May I suggest that other members do likewise.

Toc H Builder

Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire

Change for the sake of change

It seems to me that many Toc H folk, not excluding staff, are advocating great changes within the Movement. Change for survival, it has been called. Of course all organisations need change and reorganisation from time to time, and most of us will go along with that.

The real danger is change for the sake of change. We now have folk (including staff) who are advocating such measures as dispensing with the Ceremony of Light, the Main Resolution, the Toc H prayer, to say nothing of those who say openly that the sooner we forget Tubby and the Old House the better.

All right, what have we got left? A social service outfit, and precious little else. Jobs came into Toc H as a natural course of events, to bring men together, and not as an end in themselves. There are many other organisations able to cope with the social work side, and far more efficiently than Toc H.

It is time we got our priorities right. The history and ceremonies of the Movement are just as relevant in this modern day and age as they ever were. It is their application that needs attending to. If some of us have to sacrifice principles to achieve this so-called progress we shall retire gracefully, but not without a fight.

Vic Chittenden

Hartley Wintney

April Fools' Day Competition

For the editorial office the grey days of March have been much brightened by the wide range of entries received for the competition. Entries came from Branches and Marks and included both recent events and incidents from the early days of the Movement. Selecting the winners was a difficult and somewhat invidious task—success probably demands an insight into the warped editorial sense of humour. We are most grateful to all those who submitted entries, many of which will be appearing in future issues. The winning entry was submitted by Harry Rowling of North Baddesley Branch.

Job. House-to-house collection, Geranium Day for the Blind.

Time. Friday evening.

A middle-aged man answers the door.

Toc H member: Would you please support the appeal for the blind?

Man: A very good cause, mate. Does this cover the whole country?

Member: I believe it's only the Home Counties.

Man: Just when are they on the streets? That is, when is yer actual flag day?

Member: Tuesday.

Man retires into hallway and consults a card from his wallet, then returns.

Man: It's like this, mate. I'm a bookie's assistant and Tuesday I'm at Plumpton. That's not Home Counties, I think, so I don't need one. Good night, and mind how you go, mate.

newspoint

Volunteers have an active life in Johannesburg

If anybody still thinks that the Volunteers scheme provides a "soft option" they would be swiftly disillusioned by a report on the recent activities of the Johannesburg group just received from Fred Catlow, who was Hon. Warden of Mark XI, Leicester, before he moved to South Africa. The quantity, and the variety, of jobs undertaken is staggering.

One of the most exciting was at "The Gateways", which, writes Fred, "is a home for emotionally disturbed young people, run on permissive therapy lines. Drama evenings were held every Wednesday for six weeks. The Volunteers joined with the patients to form audience and cast. The Volunteers drew the patients into their other activities, such as visiting old folk, with the aim of making the patients feel useful in society. The Volunteers also provided a nucleus of friends for the patients thus establishing for them tangible contacts with the outside world and providing stepping stones by which the patients could leave the institution and enter the community."

The group has given a number of film shows to orphans, including three at St. Joseph's Coloured Orphanage, where they have also replaced broken window panes in the children's dormitories and attempted to build a pig sty. This last was, says Fred, "one of the Volunteers' more hilarious projects as the completed sty collapsed on its occupant, who immediately gave vent to a series of grunts which left the Volunteers in no doubt just how much their handiwork was appreciated!"

The group took 15 Coloured orphans on a hiking and camping weekend in the mountains and have taken old people

for picnics in the Krugersdorp Game Reserve and at the Emmarentia Dam—this last was arranged jointly with the men's Branch. They have helped with social evenings for physically handicapped people, have run stalls at a couple of fêtes, have distributed Christmas parcels and have undertaken the regular visiting of a number of old people living on their own.

And in addition to all these activities they have been concerned with "extension". They have launched a Volunteer

group at Roodepoort and have started the first-ever Coloured Volunteer group.

The Volunteers are very much more than a mere service group. They have started monthly meetings designed to help them "think fairly". They are, writes Fred, "aware that social service is only a means to an end and at all times attempt to promote fellowship within the group and try to 'stir the mixture'. After most work parties the Volunteers get together for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat."

CHINESE CRACKERS

Did you hear about the little girl who while describing a lesson about China to her Daddy kept insisting that the Chinese Leader's name was "Mouse's Dung".

What happens when the "Eastry Boys" take over

Twice a year, reports Alan Pratt, the patients from Eastry Hospital for the mentally handicapped are entertained by Deal & Walmer Branch.

This outing is a highlight in their restricted lives and for many years the Branch, with the valuable help of the women's Branch, has visited the hospital every month and arranged entertainment for the "boys" at their own H.Q.

Alan's letter concludes, "a very real fellowship has developed as a result".

Photo: George Dailey

MORE JOIN TOC H

The Kent and Sussex Courier recently carried this encouraging headline over a report of the annual dinner of the Uckfield Branch. During the dinner, which was attended by 80 people, including representatives of Tunbridge Wells, Heathfield and Lewes Branches as well as by Women's Association members, Branch Chairman, George Barnes, was able to announce an increased membership.

Hot Gospellers!

We see from an article in the Ilford & Redbridge Pictorial that the local Toc H Branch have asked for and obtained permission to play recorded carols in the forecourt of Fullwell Cross Vapour baths, Barkingside, next Christmas to raise funds for needy children.



Cheese and wine go down well in the Midlands

Basil Mucklow

£50 raised in five months for Family Purse. A successful cheese and wine party held in the Toc H rooms at Wednesfield last year, for members in the South Staffs District and their friends, raised £30 for H.Q. Walsall Branch, at the request of those attending, laid on another in March, in the same rooms. About 65 attended and a profit of £20 was made. This is an easy way of making a few pounds which other Districts might well try if they haven't already done so, providing a few essential points are borne in mind.

1. Order the wine—white, red and rosé—from a large brewery or reputable wine dealer. The supplier will see this as an opportunity for free advertisement and will provide the wine at a reduced rate on a sale or return basis; he may also loan, free of charge, tablecloths, candles and glasses.
2. Get the cheese (as many kinds as possible), biscuits, pickles, savouries, etc., from a large chain store or supermarket and tell the manager what it's for.
3. Charge 5s. per ticket, entitling the holder to one free glass of wine and as much as he can eat. After the first glass charge 2s. 6d. per large glass.
4. Run a large raffle or tombola during the evening, with donated prizes, and perhaps a small competition of some kind.
5. Hold the "do" in the best meeting room in the district.
6. Obtain an *occasional license*—most important—a friendly publican will arrange this.

Your District members and friends are likely to welcome a chance to escape from the telly to meet old and new friends from the Branches. Have an enjoyable and profitable evening, and even if you only cover expenses you will find it well worthwhile.

April Fools' 2nd Prize

To Ethel Buchanan, who submitted a story told by a member of Westham (W.A.) Branch.

The member's son, aged 10, was overheard chatting to a visitor who had popped in.

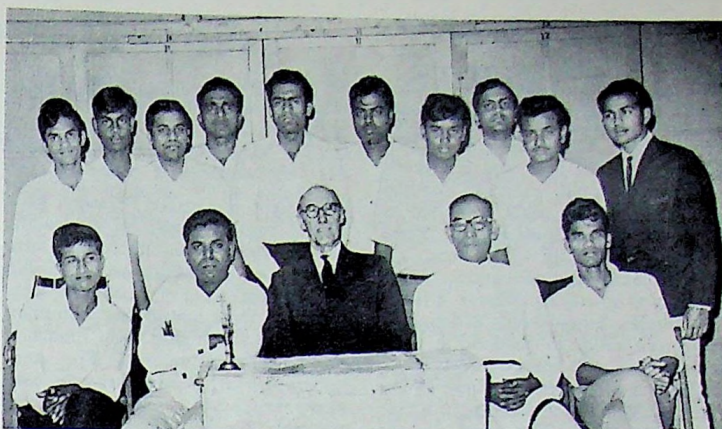
Visitor: I hear your mother is going out this evening. Do you know where she's going?

Son: She's going to Toc H.

Visitor: I've heard of Toc H but I don't know what it is.

Son: It's like Scouts for old ladies.

NEW INDIAN GROUP



The new Agripada group, whose formation was reported in our March issue, pictured during the recent visit to Bombay of Lord Colgrain (centre).

SWINDON'S CUP TRIUMPH RELAYED TO OLD PEOPLE

David Pope

Swindon Marksmen were very busy on the day Swindon beat Arsenal in the Football League Cup Final at Wembley.

The matron of The Hermitage, the old people's home at the back of the Mark, approached the Warden, Graeme Parfitt, to see if anything could be done about relaying the hospitals' broadcast of the match to The Hermitage. The Marksmen were able to run a line from the monitoring set in the studio in the Mark cellar all the way down to The Hermitage and the broadcast came through loud and clear.

There was one moment of panic when the line went dead with the score 1 - 1. A hasty search for the fault drew a blank but the broadcast was resumed moments later and it was found that the commentator in his

excitement had kicked a switch and cut himself off.

The next day the Matron appeared at the Mark with a bottle of wine from the grateful residents of The Hermitage. This was followed a few days later by a letter of thanks from the Town Clerk, who had been informed that the residents of The Hermitage had greatly appreciated the trouble that the Marksmen had taken.

In his 63rd crash-free year

Gordon Read, a former skipper of North Walsham Branch, has been driving for well over 62 years and has never been involved in an accident. He wonders if anyone can beat this record. Gordon, who is now aged 78, received his "62" badge from the Company of Veteran Motorists last November. He began driving in 1906 and was a chauffeur throughout his working life. Nowadays most of his driving involves taking members to and from meetings of the Smallburgh and District Association for the Care of the Physically Handicapped and the North Walsham Social Centre for the Blind. They couldn't be in better hands.

SUCCESS OF "PROJECTS AND PEOPLE" SLIDES

The set of slides with taped commentary entitled "Projects and People" has been widely used and apparently much appreciated. It was recently featured at a guest night organised by the South Dorset Joint District Team and, writes Edith Buchanan, "it made us sit up and take notice. In an agricultural county like Dorset it is not always realised how much is done and how much needs to be done in more thickly populated areas. Toc H came very much alive through these slides, which are well worth making the theme for an evening." The guest speaker was Gilbert Francis, of the S.E. Regional staff, and "the whole evening gave us a new viewpoint—a feeling that Toc H is very much alive and that we must be alive to the needed changes."

Prostitution Talks at Mark VI

Tony Colombat

A meeting took place at Mark VI, Birmingham, on February 20, when some 60 local residents sat down together to try and clear the air on the issue of prostitution. Increasingly, during the last few months, Moseley has become a centre for prostitution, and extreme views—with talk of "legalized brothels"—have been aired by an irate local residents' committee.

Toc H have tried to make their contribution by bringing together all sides on this issue. Naturally, this presented difficulties but the 60 people who came covered a wide range—irate local residents, local welfare workers, representatives from the Josephine Butler Society and a full-time worker with prostitutes. And one member of the audience revealed that she had herself been a prostitute until recently. It was an informative evening during which those who differed strongly found it possible at least to meet and discuss their differences.

The Branch which went shovelling coal from a paddle steamer

Alan Peterson

It might reasonably be asked what Toc H could do with an old paddle steamer lying in Middlesbrough Dock. The answer is, nothing with the ship itself, though some of its contents were to prove most useful in connection with a job which Brookfield Branch is getting off the ground. The story really starts just before Christmas 1968 when we were discussing possible recipients for our Christmas parcels. Names were provided by the Rev. J. Rimmer of West End Methodist Church, which is in an old, dilapidated and largely condemned part of Middlesbrough.

While distributing the parcels we found many people who needed not only material help but personal help too, and we felt that here was the means of worthwhile service as a Branch. Individual efforts had been considerable, but collectively we felt rather in a rut, pressing on with parcels, hospital library service and very little else. So we decided to offer our services to Mr. Rimmer, providing an advance guard of visitors, to help the lonely and needy, who would in turn pass on information to a "follow up squad" of members who would chop firewood, decorate, or whatever else was needed.

Into this situation sailed the "John H.

Amos", a veteran paddle tug of the Tees Conservancy Commission, with some twenty tons of coal to be unloaded from her bunkers prior to becoming a floating museum.

One of our members, Peter Smithson, who works for the Port Authority, caused a considerable stir when he told us that this coal was available to any organisation which could find deserving recipients. So a working party descended on the Docks—a working party which, under Jobmaster Fred Garland, derived not only healthy exercise but much amusement from the job.

Ships' bunkers are designed to receive coal, not to disgorge it, and the highly unseamanlike arrangements of spars, ropes, pulleys and oil drums struck fear into the heart of the Branch Secretary, if no-one else. However, about a ton was unloaded without mishap. The hardest work of all came when a later working party found that the tug had drifted from the quayside to the full extent of her hawser and had to be hauled back!

Now an augmented working party is being arranged with the West End Men's Fellowship, and it is hoped that the final load of coal of the "John H. Amos" will spread not only warmth but general well-being among needy inhabitants of Middlesbrough.

APRIL FOOLS'

3rd PRIZE

To "Peter" Miller of Carshalton & Wallington (W.A.) Branch.

Extract from a Jobbie's Annual Report — "Margaret and I sat on the Standing Conference of Women's Organisations until it collapsed".

Braille edition

We are happy to be in a position to announce that Lily Carrington, who was herself a recipient of the braille edition, has undertaken the time-consuming task of brailleing *Point Three*. The braille edition is being resumed this month. We should be happy to receive at the editorial office the names and addresses of any other blind members who would like to receive *Point Three* in braille. It is helpful if a sighted member will in each case undertake to repack the magazine and forward it to the next recipient.

Top Choir Entertains Cheshire Home Residents

Reg Coates

The Treorchy Male Voice Choir (Côr Meibion Treorci) played host to some of the music loving residents of Greathouse Cheshire Home, Kington Langley, who, with members and friends of Chippenham Branch of Toc H, visited the Rhondda Valley on March 23.

The Choir, which is in rehearsal for a film being made by a German film company, clearly demonstrated the tremendous amount of work required to produce the high quality of singing which persuaded the producers to choose it to represent Britain on the screen.

The film will include 16 songs from the various regions of the British Isles and many of these were heard in rehearsal under John Cynan Jones, the conductor. The Choir also found time to sing a number of items at the request of their guests. The Choir has more than 140 radio and 30 T.V. appearances to its credit, and several L.P. records have been made.

In 1952 an unusual recording was made in Treorchy which will take the

Choir into the next century. Carols and Welsh hymns were recorded for a "coast to coast" broadcast in America. The programme was called "Time Capsule" and was relayed to 170 American networks. The recordings were then buried and are scheduled to be dug up in 2052 A.D.

It is in such circumstances that Cheshire's ideal that Cheshire Home residents should have the opportunity to live as full a life as possible, really has meaning. To be received so heartily by one of the world's leading choirs makes an occasion which will long be cherished in memory.

Stockport Joint District launch Camp Fund

Albert Hill

On May 3, Stockport Branch are holding a gala concert, with the Fairey Aviation Band and the Stockport Light Opera Group, to raise funds for the District's children's camp.

Started 40 years ago by Stockport Branch, the children's camp at Adlington, Cheshire, has grown from a few tents to a hatted camp with fine facilities, accommodating upwards of 500 children every year. The camp is staffed and managed by volunteers.

Last summer the Joint District Team decided to raise a fund, invest it and to

use the interest to meet the running expenses of the camp. The first stage was a very successful sponsored walk, which brought in £208. As a result of a challenge from a friend of Toc H, who himself donated £500, we set ourselves a target of £2,000. Various special efforts have been held by Cheadle Hulme and Macclesfield Branches and the fund now stands at £890.

We hope that this month's concert will take us halfway to our target and encourage us to press on and raise the other half.

Their 20th old folks' party

The women's Branch in Woking have just held their 20th successive annual old folks' party and, writes Vera Jasper, "it seemed like a reunion to our old people. Have I heard a whisper that old folks' parties are humdrum? If so let us have more of these 'humdrum' affairs! One old lady, from a home, having satisfied her needs, collected all the cakes around. Next afternoon she was missing at her tea-table, having her own party upstairs."

Another Branch which doesn't regard old folks' parties as humdrum is Felpham, whose recent spring party was attended by 80 elderly residents of Felpham. Among the entertainers were "the buskers", a group of Branch members in comical dress, supported by a band comprising big drum, trumpet and clarinet—a novel combination.

EIGHTEEN BRIDGES CROSSED IN MARK WALK

Getting paid for just walking sounds an easy way of raising money but when the walk is 20 miles backwards and forwards over 18 Thames bridges with a cold east wind whipping up the river, it is enough to make many people have second thoughts.

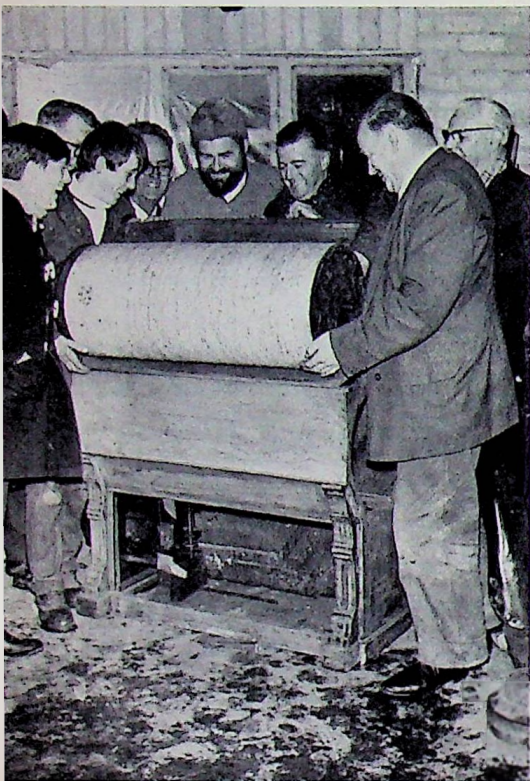
On Sunday, March 23, after many days' intensive training—or at least thinking about it—six of the residents of Mark XX, Putney, started off bright and early to reach Tower Place by nine o'clock. This was the starting point for about 13,000 walkers on the fourth great "Cross the Bridges of London" sponsored walk, in aid of severely crippled young people, organised by R.E.H.A.B.

The Marksmen who took part and between them raised about £50

were Brian Anderson, John Bifield, Chris Cooke, Ian Forster, Geoff Packham and Stuart Powell, and they all finished the course with varying degrees of ease or difficulty, from Ian, their athlete, who was not content to walk, but set off at midday and ran the course in two hours, to Stuart, their heavyweight, who took a gruelling eight hours. Later Stuart commented that having been so grateful for the refreshments provided en route, which were most welcome but rather far apart, on the next walk he proposes to take up a stationary position with an urn and dispense tea and sympathy to the more energetic and less weighty walkers.

There is no lame ending to this story; all the participants survived and were fit for work next day.

picture point



"Music hath charms"—maybe—but it was not a very charming sight which greeted members of Boston Toc H when they volunteered to restore a dismembered barrel organ recently. The owner, Tony Farrow, who previously loaned another barrel organ for fund raising purposes, was at a loss how to restore the heavily green painted and sticky varnished surface on the new acquisition, but after the first phase and with Toc H help the antique instrument has begun to show signs of its original glory.

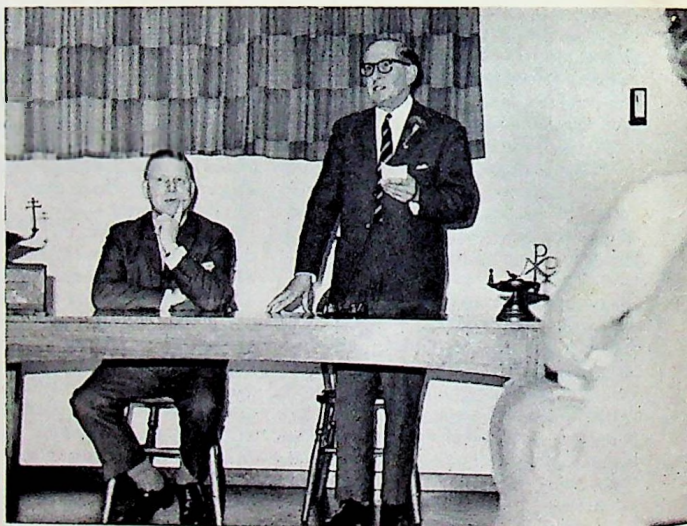
Photo: Lincolnshire Standard.



Mrs. Naomi Clegg has supported Toc H as a Builder regularly every year since she heard the B.B.C. appeal by the Vice-Patron in 1965. In April she celebrated her 100th birthday and Builders Secretary, Eric Caulton, took a special congratulatory message from the Vice-Patron to Aldwick House, Bognor Regis, where Naomi lives with 14 other old people. Bognor Branches also visited Naomi and provided a chicken lunch and a bottle of champagne. "Chocolates and champagne have always been my favourites," she told us.

Could this be a politician weighing up his audience before question time or is it the ever-lively company that meets at Mark III on guest nights that brings that "curious" look to the Rt. Hon. Arthur Bottomley's face? Mr. Bottomley, M.P., Chairman of the Parliamentary Select Committee on Race Relations and former Colonial Secretary, visited the Mark with members of his team during a short visit to Hackney. In the audience: Michael Ryle, Select Committee Secretary, Bill Hutton, M.P. for Hackney, Joan Lester, M.P. for Slough and John Baksi, Community Relations officer for the borough. Making the introductions is Ted Scott, Toc H Branch Chairman.

Photo: Bob Broeder.



It's the first step which counts



During the course, held at Ipswich C.D. headquarters, WRVS members gave instruction in building trench-cookers. Later a team competition was held.

Photo: East Anglian Daily Times

If there was a fire in a neighbour's home or a natural disaster in your area you would do anything you could to help. But would you know what to do? Could you help effectively? A housewife, who has asked to remain anonymous, describes the WRVS training course in which she has participated.

Housewives are proverbially busy people, but nevertheless they do sometimes have time on their hands. I am not so busy nowadays as when I had my children at home, and so recently I was pleased to join a group of women who were receiving informal training from the Women's Royal Voluntary Service to make them better able to deal with emergencies in their own homes, or should there be a local disaster such as a train accident, a fire or an air crash.

For company I persuaded my daughter, a newly married, who like me was not tied to the house by family responsibilities. It is difficult to say which of us most enjoyed these six sessions of basic emergency training. We both now feel more competent and may even go on to take courses in home nursing and first aid.



But let me explain something of what we have learned in the hope that other women, middle aged or young, will take advantage of this training, in order to make themselves more useful as individuals, and possibly enable them to help locally should there be a sudden disaster of any kind.

We learned that somewhere there is a fire every five minutes and that two people die in fires every day in this country. If only people would take elementary precautions! We were told all about these precautions and also how to rescue people from burning rooms. On this we did practical work. Finally we were reminded not to panic and always to call the Fire Brigade.

We were most impressed with the way WRVS handles clothing for an emergency, and were fascinated with the highly organised way we were shown to sort, first for quality, then into categories and finally to bundle, using a magic knot which holds the bundle firmly, but undoes when one pulls the end of the string.

We learned the very basic methods of cooking, when neither gas nor electricity could be used. With model bricks we built single trench and cross trench cookers, learning the importance of the direction of draughts. We handled dixies, insulated containers, and explored the intricacies of a Soyer Boiler. The importance of hygiene in cooking and serving food was stressed.

We were shown the "Kiss of Life" method of resuscitation and we were able to practise it on a remarkable model full of valves which

responded when you breathed in to it properly, and with patience and perseverance, we all succeeded in the end.

If people had to leave their homes temporarily, for instance if a fire is raging nearby, the most sensible thing to do is to pack a few essential belongings in a blanket made into a pack. Each member of the family can carry the pack on his or her shoulders like a haversack. We learned the best method of folding the blanket and tying the cord, and the different weights advisable for a man, a woman and a child to carry.

At the end a talk was given by a specially trained WRVS member, who explained the simple precautions we could take in our homes, to make survival for ourselves and our family that much easier, should we ever be threatened by a nuclear attack.

Well, my first step into the realms of public service has been taken, and I am glad that this first step was a training, because it has given me more assurance. I know now that if and when I offer to help I have certain skills which will be useful. It is well known that it is the first step which counts. In this case it was a painless experience: in fact we had a lot of fun and nothing can give one greater satisfaction than to feel virtuous and happy at the same time!

If any Toc H members or their friends want to experience this satisfaction they should get in touch with their local WRVS office, or WRVS headquarters, 17 Old Park Lane, London, W.1. Tel: 01.499.6040.

welcome point

The following new Branches were formally recognised by the Central Executives at their March meeting:

Khotsong (Maseru) (Joint),
Southport (Joint).

The following Branches elected new members during the month:

8—Melton Mowbray (W.A.)

3—Gimingham, Green Street Green (W.A.), Richmond (Yorks.), (W.A.).

2—Aigburth (W.A.), Clacton-on-Sea (W.A.), Etchingham, Hayes (W.A.), Mundesley, Oswestry, Shrewsbury (W.A.), Stamford, Stow-on-the-Wold, Swaffham (W.A.), West Pinchbeck.

1—Barnsley, Buckley, Burn Valley (W.A.), Camborne (Joint), Chichester, Chulmleigh, Cirencester, Congleton, Coventry, Darlington (W.A.), Edenbridge, Gravesend, Great Harwood, Hednesford, Hereford (W.A.), High Brooms, Kingsteignton (W.A.), Kirkby (W.A.), Lampeter (Joint), Leicester (W.A.), Leighton Buzzard, Loughborough, Maghull (W.A.), Melton Mowbray, Minster in Sheppey (W.A.), Norwich Enterprise (W.A.), Peterborough (W.A.), Pierremont (W.A.), Ramsgate (W.A.), Rhiwbina, St. Leonards (W.A.), Southborough, Stayne (W.A.), Stirling, Surrey, S. & W. London Area, Treforest, Westerham, Weymouth (W.A.).

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